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This is a job for Rambo

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Soldier of Fortune magazine is offering \$1 million for anyone who defects from Nicaragua and flies a Soviet Mi-24 helicopter back. But mercenaries, hijackers and USA citizens need not apply.

Magazine associate editor Jim Pate said the rarely seen Mi-24 is "the world's most lethal attack helicopter" — with 32 rockets, four laser-guided anti-tank missiles and a four-barrel machine gun.

"It would be a real intelligence coup to get one,"

said Pate. The anti-Soviet militarist magazine plans to auction it — probably to the U.S. government.

The magazine made a bounty offer of \$100,000 in February; individual and corporate donations boosted it to \$1 million.

Said Publisher Robert K. Brown, "The money's right, \$1 million will go to the first chopper jock that can get his bird out of Nicaragua."

Only Nicaraguan, Soviet, East German or Cuban pilots, crew members or trainers who defect with the chopper can collect.

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